

REMARKS:

Claims 37-56 are in the application for consideration by the examiner at this time. In the foregoing amendments, claims 37, 41-45 and 48 were amended to further define that, *inter alia*, the input terminal includes display means (or a display) and the display means (or the display) alters a display mode of the display means (or the display) based on communication progression between the plurality of terminals and the plurality of mobile vehicles and an elapse of time since a last data request was input from the plurality of terminals to the plurality of mobile vehicles, along the lines set forth in previously presented claim 41.

In the Official actions mailed August 26, 2005, and March 10, 2006, claims 38, 40, 46, 47, 52 and 53 were allowed for which the applicant is grateful. The Official action mailed August 26, 2005, set forth prior art rejections of claims 37, 39, 41-45, 48-51, and 54-56, which are outlined below.

- Claims 37 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent No. 6,430,496 of Smith *et al.* (Smith). This rejection is set forth on pages 2-4 of the Official action.
- Claim 41 was rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. patent No. 6,084,870 of Wooten *et al.* (Wooten) in view of U.S. patent No. 5,922,040 of Prabhakaran. This rejection is set forth on pages 4-6 of the Official action.
- Claims 42 and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Prabhakaran. This rejection is set forth on pages 6-8 of the Official action.
- Claims 49, 55, and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Prabhakaran. This rejection is set forth on pages 8 and 9 of the Official action.
- Claims 44 and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Prabhakaran in view of U.S. patent No. 5,857,159 of Dickrell *et al.* (Dickrell). This rejection is set forth on pages 10 and 11 of the Official action.

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- Claims 45 and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Prabhakaran in view of U.S. patent No. 5,548,273 of Nicol *et al.* (Nicol). This rejection is set forth on pages 11-13 of the Official action.
- Claims 48 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Prabhakaran in view of U.S. patent No. 5,670,830 of Koga *et al.* (Koga). This rejection is set forth on pages 13 and 14 of the Official action.

In summary, claims 37 and 39 were rejected over the teachings of Smith alone. Claims 39, 41-45, 48-51, and 54-56 were rejected over the teachings of Prabhakaran alone or combined with the teachings of Wooten, Dickrell, Nicol, or Koga. In view of the forgoing amendments and previously submitted remarks, which were set forth in the response filed November 28, 2005, and which are incorporated herein by reference, applicant respectfully submits that the inventions defined in claims 37, 39, 41-45, 48-51, and 54-56 are patently distinguishable from the teachings of Smith alone; or the teachings of Prabhakara alone or combined with the teachings of Wooten, Dickrell, Nicol, or Koga within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103.

Applicant greatly appreciates the courtesies Examiner Stephen M. D'Agosta extended to the undersigned in telephone interviews on February 16, 2006, and June 27, 2006. In these telephone interviews, the examiner confirmed what is stated in section 10 on page 3 of the outstanding Office action. Namely, Examiner D'Agosta stated that he believed the combined limitations in the last paragraph of claim 41 and, in particular, "input means including display means ... the display means including means for altering a display mode of the display means based on communication progression between the plurality of terminals and the plurality of mobile vehicles and an elapsed of time since a last data request was input from the plurality of terminals to the plurality of mobile vehicles ..." (emphasis added) is patentable. Examiner

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D'Agosta indicated that inserting such a limitation into the independent claims, which have not yet been allowed (i.e., claims 37, 41-45 and 48), would place these claims and the claims that depend thereon in condition for allowance.

In the forgoing amendments, claims 37, 41-45 and 48 were amended along the lines discussed above and as suggested by Examiner D'Agosta for placing these claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 37, 41-45 and 48 and claims 39, 49-51 and 54-56 that depend thereon are in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that claims 37, 39, 41-45, 48-51 and 54-56 are patently distinguishable from the teachings of Smith alone, or the teachings of Prabhakaran alone or combined with the teachings of Wooten, Dickrell, Nicol, or Koga within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections of these claims, and formally allow claims 37, 39, 41-45, 48-51 and 54-56, together with allowed claims 38, 40, 46, 47, 52 and 53.

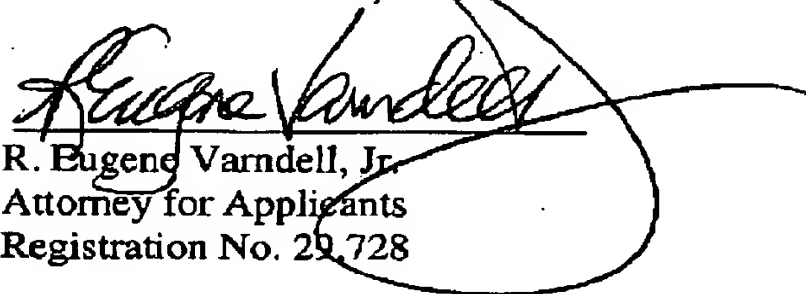
The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Official action mailed March 10, 2006. While it is believed that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due, may be charged to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

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